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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention.

U.S. Patent No. 5,578,061. This document corresponds to JP 8-38625 mentioned at the top of page 5 of the present application.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,330,507. This document corresponds to International Application Publication No. WO 93/21824 mentioned at the bottom of page 5 of the present application.

The following six documents were cited in a Search Report issued by the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding application. A copy of the Search Report is attached.

International Application Publication No. WO 93/21824.

European Application Publication No. 0 688 578.

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The following eight documents were cited in connection with a European Search Report issued in connection with another corresponding foreign application. A copy of the search report is attached.

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Copies of the non-U.S. patents and non-U.S. patent application publications are enclosed and all of the documents cited above are listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449.

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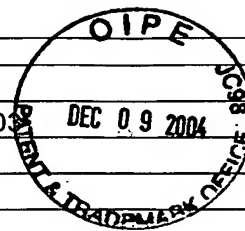
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